

Solid Waste Staff Work Group Meeting Notes
August 27, 2004
Tukwila Community Center

Meeting Attendees:

City Staff:

Alison Bennett – City of Bellevue
Elaine Borjeson – City of Kirkland
Linda Knight – City of Renton
Frank Iriarte – City of Tukwila
Rob VanOrsow – City of Federal Way

County Staff:

Theresa Jennings – Division Director
Kevin Kiernan – Engineering Services Manager
Mark Buscher – Lead Planner
Jane Gateley – Communications
Peggy Dorothy – Council Staff

The Solid Waste Staff Work Group met on August 27, 2004 at the Tukwila Community Center. Because of the limited turnout for the meeting, the group did not follow the prepared agenda. The group did not want to begin the discussion of the structure, function, and responsibilities of the metropolitan solid waste management advisory committee (MSWMAC) because of the light attendance. It was noted that a report on this topic is due December 31, 2004. The following items were briefly discussed:

Miscellaneous Topics of Discussion

- Theresa discussed briefly the changes in hours that will take effect at county transfer stations on September 20. In short, the county had planned to implement reduced seasonal hours for the stations since tonnage is typically lower during the fall and winter months; however, because of the increase in tonnage this year seasonal reductions will not be made. A few minor adjustments in hours were made, as shown in the attached flier.
- Kevin talked about the effects of the increase in tonnage at the transfer stations. He said most of it is coming from Waste Management and Rabanco, who have been transporting waste directly to the transfer stations instead of hauling it regional direct to Cedar Hills.
- Kevin also said the Construction, Demolition, and Landclearing (CDL) contracts are moving forward, and the division was expecting the signed contracts to be approved by Council on Monday, September 30. (Note: They were approved as expected.) CDL will be handled by both Waste Management and Rabanco, with an increased emphasis on CDL recycling.
- Theresa said that Snohomish County's new transfer station will be opened on September 9. Members of the group showed interest in organizing a tour of the facility.

Transfer Station LOS Standards and Criteria Report to Council

- The group discussed the upcoming report to council due on October 15. The group agreed that the report should be written by October 1 to allow time for the process that precedes transmitting the report to Council.
- Peggy addressed the process for the report, which includes preparing an accompanying motion for approval by Council.
- Peggy stressed the importance of considering the audience in preparing the report, which includes the Council, elected officials, and the Interlocal Forum.
- The group agreed that the report is the first of an iterative process (brief draft outline attached); the next report will provide evaluations or rankings of the standards and criteria.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 15. The agenda will be the same as the one for the August 27 meeting.

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Transfer Station Level of Service Standards and Criteria

Introduction

Purpose

- Refer to ordinance
- 1st in a series of reports that will inform next comp plan beginning in 2005 – i.e., this is the beginning of the planning phase
- What is a transfer station – purpose, potential impacts
- What do we hope to accomplish with this analysis

Process

- What is the overall process – with cities' involvement early
- Iterative process – this is starting point (subject to change as process evolves)
- Talk about the uniqueness of the process – applying to existing facilities

Standards and Criteria

To be determined

Next Steps

- Next product – applying the criteria
- Description and timeline for all anticipated future work products